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SUBJECT: NEW STA DIRECTOR-GENERAL

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1. ON DEC. 24, NEW CABINET UNDER PRIME MINISTER TAKEO FUKUDA
WAS FORMED. AMONG THE CABINET MEMBERS IS SOSUKE UNO, DIRECTOR-
GENERAL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY (STA) AND CHAIRMAN OF
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION (AEC).

2. UNO WAS BORN IN SHIGA PREFECTURE IN 1922 AND GRADUATED FROM
HIKONE HIGHER COMMERCIAL SCHOOL IN 1943. HE WENT ON TO KOBE
UNIVERSITY OF COMMERCE BUT WAS FORCED TO LEAVE UNIVERSITY WITHOUT
GRADUATING TO ENTER MILITARY SERVICE. AFTER THE WAR, HE WENT
INTO POLITICS, BEING ELECTED TO PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLY IN 1951.
IN 1955, HE WAS RE-ELECTED AND BECAME DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF PREFECTURAL
ASSEMBLY. IN NOVEMBER 1960, HE RAN FOR THE NATIONAL ELECTION ON
LIBERAL-DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) TICKET AND WAS ELECTED TO
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. HE HAS SINCE BEEN RETURNED
TO LOWER HOUSE SIX TIMES.; 285#8,)\$0, UNO HELD VARIOUS
POSTS, INCLUDING DIRECTOR OF YOUTH BUREAU, DIRECTOR OF
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CAMPAIGN BUREAU, MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, DEPUTY
CHAIRMAN OF TAX SYSTEM INVESTIGATION COUNCIL, DIRECTOR OF
PERSONNEL BUREAU, DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL AND CHAIRMAN OF
DIET POLICY COMMITTEE. HE BRIEFLY SERVED AS DIRECTOR-
GENERAL OF THE JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY (JDA) IN THE LAST DAYS
OF THE TANAKA CABINET. HE ALSO ONCE SERVED AS PARLIAMENTARY

VICE-MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

3. UNO'S RAPID RISE IN STATUS AS POLITICIAN IS APPARENTLY
UE TO HIS RESOURCEFULNESS. HIS RECENT EXPERIENCE AS LDP'S
DIET POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FOR TWO YEARS UNDER PARTY

SECRETARY-GENERAL YASUHIRO NAKASONE WILL HELP HIM IN DEALING
WITH OPPOSITION PARTIES FOR SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS CONFRONTING
HIM AS STA DIRECTOR-GENERAL AND AEC CHAIRMAN IN THE IMMEDIATE
FUTURE, SUCH AS RELOCATION OF SERVICE PORT FOR NUCLEAR SHIP
MUTSU, CREATION OF NUCLEAR SAFETY COMMISSION, AND MATTERS
DEALING WITH NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS.
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